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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
		WO 02/33895	Oct.17, 2001	Lloyd et al		
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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

		International Search Report dated October 19, 2004.
		Olivier Bonaventure and Bruno Quoitin - "Common Utilizations Of The BGP Community Attribute"; Internet Engineering Task Force - Internet Draft; Pages 1-15.

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